

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### CAREER EDUCATION NEWS BULLETIN AVAILABLE

The Division of Career Education's January 2008 **News Bulletin** is now posted at [http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/documents/MCE\\_NewsBulletin\\_Jan08.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/documents/MCE_NewsBulletin_Jan08.pdf). We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues. Do not hesitate to contact the Division of Career Education if you have any questions or need additional information.

### PSAs CARRY CAREER EDUCATION MESSAGES

In observance of February Career and Technical Education Month, the Division of Career Education has developed a series of public service announcements (PSAs) that will air on Learfield and other radio stations statewide next month.

The one-minute PSAs can now be heard from the Division's website at [www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/cte\\_month.htm](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/cte_month.htm). They reinforce the importance of career planning, personal plans of study, and focusing on goals in school.

Creative ideas for spreading the reach of the PSAs through the educational communities are encouraged, such as providing a link to the PSAs from school Web sites during the month of February, sending out a notice to the parent list-serv or adding a mention in the school newsletter. Some teachers have made it a classroom activity for students listen to the PSAs and take the online poll. (The short poll reinforces the important messages, then shows them the results.) In closing, the new PSAs encourage people to visit [www.MissouriConnections.org](http://www.MissouriConnections.org).

In other news, a team of students at Summit Technology Academy in Lee's Summit, Mo., was named national winners of the inaugural video PSA contest sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Celebrations in observance of February CTE Month include National Job Shadow Day; Missouri proclamation signing at the State Capitol; celebrations of FBLA, PBL, and FCCLA student organizations; and National Entrepreneurship Week.

For more information about CTE Month activities and resources, contact Michele Clark, DESE, at [Michele.clark@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Michele.clark@dese.mo.gov) or 573-526-4297.

### EDUCATION NEWS SHOW AVAILABLE

The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) has launched a daily education news show on ESN—MSBA's Internet television broadcast medium. The program is titled "Education Today with Brent Ghan." The program is available to viewers in the continental United States and beyond. There is no charge to viewers for the program.

To access the program, proceed to the MSBA web site ([www.msbanet.org](http://www.msbanet.org)); then, "click" on "Watch Now: Education Today with Brent Ghan."

Over the coming weeks, MSBA will be communicating with various entities (Missouri school districts, other school board associations, television and radio markets, etc.) that desire to have a link to "Education Today with Brent Ghan" directly from the entities' web sites. There will be no charge to these entities for the link. As such, MSBA's graphic artists will assist those that desire in designing an attractive link from the entities' web sites to the program.

Your feedback about our initial "Education Today with Brent Ghan" is solicited and welcomed.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

### {CURRICULUM}

The following Human Relations Media DVDs are available from the Missouri Center for Career Education. Counselors can request them online or call to reserve them.

Workplace Ready: Part One: Up and Running from *Human Relations Media*

DVD ROM — Three young people take viewers on a tour through three different companies. Interviews with executives

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and employees help students understand how the employees make a difference to each company's success and profitability. Students will learn some of the challenges facing companies today and will see how the ability to change (both the company itself and its employees) may be the key to a company's success. Includes Teachers Resource Book. Grades 9 - College. 38 minutes [14232 — G&P DVD ROM 33]-MOUNT KISCO, NY, HUMAN RELATIONS MEDIA, 1998.

## **Workplace Ready: Part Two: Foundation Skills** from *Human Relations Media*

DVD ROM — In the same format as G&P DVD ROM 33, Part One: Up and Running, Part Two explains how foundation skills will help students in any job or career they might pursue. The foundation skills are essential in all parts of life—but especially at work, where employers expect every person they hire to have basic educational skills, to be able to think while they work, and to have the personal qualities necessary for success. Includes Teacher's Resource Book. Grades: 9 - 12. 54 minutes. [14233 — G&P DVD ROM 34]-MOUNT KISCO, NY, HUMAN RELATIONS MEDIA, 1999.

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## **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

### **TIPS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES CONCERNING FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):**

MAPPING YOUR FUTURE, a national collaborative, public-service organization of the financial aid industry that provides free career, college, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services for students, families, and schools via the web has a list of tips for students and their families who will be filling out the FAFSA as part of the college application process. Those tips can be seen at

<http://mapping-your-future.org/downloads/01-2008EAEnews.html#article2>

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

### **A REMINDER ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

There are currently a number of suicide prevention training opportunities across the state available for those interested. They are listed on the Department of Mental Health website at

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/issues/suicide/training.htm>

In addition, there is a national toll free hotline number that will link up with local resources. That number is **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

### **PLEASE PASS TO COLLEAGUES-INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SESSION OF MISSOURI ACADEMY FOR YOUTH ADVANCEMENT (MAYA)**

MAYA is a summer school academic program designed for young, high-achieving students eager to earn advanced credits and learn in an accelerated and immersed academic environment. These concentrated programs are meant to further students' knowledge in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and computing.

MAYA is currently seeking Missouri's finest certified educators to teach high school level courses at an accelerated pace.

Courses include a combination of lecture and hands-on style instruction on the campus of Missouri University of Science & Technology (formerly UMR). The program is sponsored by:

- Center for Pre-College Programs at Missouri S&T
- Rolla Public School District
- Missouri Academy for Science, Mathematics & Computing in Maryville, Mo.

There is a deadline of February 6, 2008 for applications. To see more information about this program and/or to fill out an application, please go to <http://maya.mst.edu/about/employment.html>

### **NEW NUMBER (211) TO CALL AVAILABLE IN TIMES OF DISASTER:**

2-1-1 is a simple, easy to remember number that has been set aside nationally to connect people to health and human services. 2-1-1 provides information about services that exist to help disaster survivors.

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There are two United Way 2-1-1's in Missouri now. Both United Way 2-1-1 services in Missouri provide the same level of service, and are committed to working in tandem for the benefit of all the State's residents. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year by trained Information & Referral Specialists. Callers can be accommodated in languages other than English.

## **NOTICE OF GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABILITY**

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, has announced the release of the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Fiscal Year 2008 grant application (CFDA 84.184E). The notice inviting applications was published in the Federal Register on January 8, 2008. The application package may be downloaded from Grants.gov at <http://apply.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?cfda=&opportunity=ED-GRANTS-010808-001&competitionid=>

To access the application package, click on the Instructions and Applications "download" link. Before you can view and complete an application package, you must have the PureEdge viewer or Adobe Reader installed. Click [http://www07.grants.gov/resources/download\\_software.jsp](http://www07.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp) to download the PureEdge Viewer if you do not have it installed already.

This competition limits eligibility to local educational agencies (LEAs) and consortia thereof. Note: The REMS grant competition limits eligibility to applicants that do not currently have an active grant under this program. For the purpose of this eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds (71 FR 70369).

The application deadline is February 19, 2008.

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

**A. PATHWAYS CONFERENCE** FOR those working with students in crisis or at-risk will be held **Mar 2-4, 2008** at Tan Tar A. To see a flyer about the conference, go to

<http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/documents/Pathwsaysflyer.pdf>

**B. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE** will be held on **March 7, 2008**, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Carolyn Stone, ASCA Past- President and ASCA Ethics Chair, will speak on LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS. To see information about this conference and download a registration form, go to

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2008%20SPRING%20CONFERENCE%20Flyer.doc>

**C. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held on **March 12-13, 2008** at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo. For information about the conference and registration, go to

[www.act.org/events](http://www.act.org/events)

**D. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE** will be held on **March 14-16, 2008** at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>

## **E. WORKSHOPS ON TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHEDULED IN APRIL**

These workshops, offered through the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), will focus on signs, symptoms and the treatment of depression in youth, reducing stigma and how to ACT (acknowledge, care and tell). **Rebecca Musgrave, MA**, the Program Director for Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation – Suicide Prevention Resource Center will present this half-day workshop. Dates and locations are:

**April 3, 2008, Kansas City, MO - Embassy Suites Hotel    April 4, 2008, Hannibal, MO - Quality Inn & Suites**

**April 8, 2008, Cape Girardeau, MO - Drury Lodge    Registration Fee: \$99.00** To register online, go to

<http://www.mimhtraining.com/liveconferences/2007/10/10/teen-suicide-prevention-act-now-2/>